

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

The City Of Augusta

Proclamation

IN RECOGNITION of the "Georgia District of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. Weekend"

WHEREAS, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., the first intercollegiate Greek-letter fraternity established for African-Americans, was founded at Cornell University in Ithaca, New York, on December 4, 1906, by Henry Arthur Callis, Charles Henry Chapman, Eugene Kinckle Jones, George Biddle Kelley, Nathaniel Allison Murray, Robert Harold Ogle, and Vertner Woodson Tandy, known as the "Jewels", who recognized the need for a strong bond of Brotherhood among African descendents in this country; and

WHEREAS, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., has inducted over 80,000 college-educated men into over 700 college and alumni chapters throughout the United States, Europe, Asia, and the Caribbean, has instilled in its members that their greatest usefulness lies outside of themselves, by preparing them to lead the fight for human rights and human dignity, nudged them into a nobler form of manhood, while working to aid and uplift the downtrodden; and

WHEREAS, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., for 97 years, has been a beacon of light, through clouds of despair, staying true to its aims of Manly Deeds, Scholarship and Love for all Mankind, through such programs as Go to High School, Go to College, a Voteless People is a Hopeless People, and Project Alpha; and

WHEREAS, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. has made a difference in the community as individuals and as chapter units through alliances with Head Start, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, the Boy Scouts, and initiatives in AIDS, the Bone Marrow registry and Leadership Development, in addition to supporting the N.A.A.C.P., United Negro College Fund, and the National Urban League, and donating Scholarships; and

WHEREAS, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. was authorized by Congress to design, raise funds and build a memorial to the man who changed the face of this country, the Rev. Bro. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., which will be the only memorial on the mall dedicated to an African-American; and

WHEREAS, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. can count among its membership such notables as W.E.B. DuBois, Edward Brooke, Thurgood Marshall, Andrew Young, Whitney Young, William Gray, Paul Robeson, Lionel Ritchie, Robert Benham, District One Commissioner Lee Beard and many others; and

WHEREAS, the 49th Georgia District Conference will convene in Augusta, Georgia, at the Radisson Riverfront Hotel and Country Suites, during the weekend of January 21 – 22, 2005, hosted by the Alpha Chi Lambda Chapter and Eta Alpha Chapter located at Paine/Augusta State, Augusta.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Young, Mayor of the City of Augusta, do hereby proclaim January 20 – 22, 2005 as

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in Augusta, Georgia, and ask that the citizens of this community join me and the commissioners of Augusta/Richmond County in recognizing the contributions of the Georgia District, Alpha Chi Lambda and Eta Alpha of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., in helping to make our communities better places to reside.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of Augusta, Georgia, to be affixed this 12th day of January 2005.

Mayor